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DAMIEN TORRES

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAMIEN TORRES,

Defendant.

No. 1:22-cr-00250-JLT-SKO

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF
RECORD AND APPOINT CJA COUNSEL

Jaya C. Gupta, Assistant Federal Defender, and counsel of record in the above-captioned case, hereby moves for an order allowing her to withdraw as counsel of record and for appointment of new counsel to represent defendant DAMIEN TORRES. As grounds, she states:

1. The Federal Defender's Office was appointed to represent Damien Torres on September 14, 2022, at his initial appearance on a criminal complaint. Dkt. #4.
2. At the time of appointment, the undersigned was an Assistant Federal Defender with the Federal Defender's Office in Fresno.
3. The undersigned has taken a position with the Federal Defender's Office in the Central District of California to be closer to her family and anticipates making the transition in late November 2022.
4. As Mr. Torres is still in need of counsel to represent him, our office has contacted CJA panel attorney Serita Rios, who is available and willing to accept the appointment.

5. Accordingly, the undersigned requests that she be permitted to withdraw from the case, and that new counsel, Serita Rios, be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: November 14, 2021

/s/ Jaya C. Gupta

JAYĀ C. GUPTA

Assistant Federal Defender

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that the Office of the Federal Defender may withdraw from its representation of DAMIEN TORRES, and that CJA panel counsel Serita Rios shall be appointed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 14, 2022

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE